

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)  
U.S. Application No.: 10/588,089

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

Please replace sheet 4 (FIG. 7) with the attached replacement sheet.

Attachment: 1 Replacement Sheet

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5, 7-9, and 11 are all the claims pending in the Application. Claim 11 is new and support for claim 11 can be found at least in FIG. 5. Claims 6 and 10 have been incorporated into claim 1, and claim 7 has been made to depend on new claim 11.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the interview held on September 14, 2009.

**Objection to Drawings**

FIG. 7 has been amended to read "Prior Art." Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

**Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

None of the art of record discloses the combination of recitations found in independent claims 1 and 11.

With regard to both Inaoka and Watanabe, neither discloses an overhang portion, *i.e.*, a tracker roller that overhangs a step portion on the track. Claim 1 recites, "wherein outer sides of the outer surface of the tracker roller extend over the lower stage surfaces."

Claim 1 also recites, "wherein a contact area of the endless inner periphery rolling contact surface with the outer surface of the tracker roller in a fixed widthwise region on respective left and right sides of the tracker roller." Japanese reference JP 3-19785 does not teach this, nor would it have been obvious to place the large rubber elastic body 15 in JP 3-19785 on *both* sides of the tracker roller because rubber elastic body 15 is designed to keep the track from coming off the tracker roller.

Accordingly, the art of record does not teach the combination of recitations found in claim 1.

With regard to new claim 11, the art of record does not appear to disclose stepped portions on the tracker roller that have two different diameters. FIG. 5 of the current Application shows a portion of the tracker roller that has a large diameter (21a) and an adjacent portion on the outer side has a smaller diameter (21b). Because the art of record does not disclose a tracker roller that has at least two different diameters in combination with the other recitations of claim 11, new claim 11 should be allowed.

Claims 2-5, and 7-9 are dependent on either claims 1 or 11 and are allowable at least by virtue of their dependency. With respect to claim 9, Applicants note that FIG. 2 shows that rubber lugs have a distorted H-shaped configuration.

**Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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